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The enactment of the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party for improving trade has given a substantial boost to the footwear industry by improving quality and diversifying production.

The state footwear enterprises have failed to take note of the increased demand for industrial products by the consumers on the free market and have continued to flood the market with low-grade varieties of footwear. As a result, they are irresponsibly wasting precious leather and are greatly damaging the national economy.

Despite contracts with the commercial establishments, the footwear enterprises permit an excessive number of defects in their production.

Unsatisfactory production is turned out by one of the newest and most modern shoe factories in Bulgaria, the "9 Septemvri" Plant in Sofia. The "Trojan" State Industrial Enterprise is also producing poor footwear.

The "Kosta Zlatarov" State Industrial Enterprise turns out low-grade footwear. Many of the shoes are made of defective leather.

The footwear produced by the "Surp i Chuk" State Industrial Enterprise at Gabrovo is of a very crude make.

The cloth summer shoes produced by the "Chavdar" State Industrial Enterprise are badly sewn, and those produced by the "Purvi May" State Industrial Enterprise and the "Fepede" State Industrial Enterprise in Drvenitsa have torn and crooked upper parts.

With the exception of the "9 Septemvri" Plant, all the other state footwear enterprises do not pay any attention to the packing of footwear.

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The "Obleklo i Obuvki" (Clothing and Footwear) Commercial Establishments and the central cooperative federation have refused to buy a large quantity of low-grade shoes which do not correspond to order samples. These shoes now fill the warehouses of the production enterprises and greatly hinder the fulfillment of the general production plan and, in particular, the plan for the turnover of goods.

On 18 February of this year, the "Obleklo i Obuvki" Establishments refused to accept delivery from the "9 Septemvri" Plant of 15,000 pairs of ladies' shoes because of their inferior quality; on 28 February, they refused to accept 1,440 pairs of ladies' shoes because the left shoe of every pair was found to be wider than the right one; and on 5 March, they rejected 18,000 men's cloth shoes with rubber soles because the rubber had come loose, the uppers had come apart, and the shoes were not sorted according to color. They also refused to accept 29,000 pairs of kid leather shoes with black rubber soles because it was found that the soles in many cases had come loose and that the heels were not of the same size. In addition to the above, they also rejected 18,000 pairs of men's sandals, 11,000 pairs of men's galoshes, 8,000 pairs of children's chrome-tanned leather shoes with rubber soles, and 5,000 pairs of children's shoes (sizes 20-25) which were not of the colors indicated on the boxes.

For the reasons stated above, the "Obleklo i Obuvki" Establishments, during March and April of this year, refused to accept 8,000 pairs of ladies' shoes from the "Kosta Zlatarov" State Industrial Enterprise and they rejected 17,000 pairs of ladies' leather shoes with glued leather soles from the "Trojan" State Industrial Enterprise because they were found to be outmoded. They also refused to accept from the "Surp i Chuk" State Industrial Enterprise 20,000 pairs of ladies' and men's leather and rubber shoes because of their crude workmanship. Six thousand pairs of cloth summer shoes were rejected from the "Chavdar" State Industrial Enterprise because they had been sewn unsatisfactorily.

The central cooperative federation has refused to purchase more than 50,000 pairs of ladies', men's, and children's shoes from the "9 Septemvri" Plant because the shoes were of low grade and because the plant did not comply with color and contract specifications.

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